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will be pleased to make arrangements, to have some sort of shop in the district and thus enable its people to go and see things for themselves and then purchase?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—"The question has been fully answered."

Co-operation.

Application for a loan from the Muttarasanallur Land Reclamation Society.

*2383 Q.—Mr. T. M. NARAYANASWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Muttarasanallur Land Reclamation Society has applied for a loan for land reclamation;

(b) whether it has been sanctioned, and if not, why not; and

(c) whether the Government are aware that the work is not progressing in the area for want of funds?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) 1. Applications for loans to the extent of Rs. 21,196 required by the society for complete clearance of silt from their lands have been forwarded by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to the Collector for sanction.

2. The loans required by the society for clearing part of their lands with the idea of depositing cleared sand on other portions are under the consideration of Government.

3. Applications for a loan of Rs. 3,565 are under enquiry by officers of the Co-operative department.

Co-operative society for the Depressed classes of Mambakkam.

*2384 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the petition of the depressed classes, dated 14th July 1926, submitted, through me, to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, Madras, on the subject of starting a co-operative society for them at Mambakkam, Tirukkoyilur taluk, has been received;

(b) whether any enquiries have been made with reference to allegations contained in clauses (a) and (b) in the petition; and

(c) if so, with what results?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The petition was transferred to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for disposal as that officer is competent to deal with the matter.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"With reference to clause (a), may I know whether the honorary assistant registrars can take the initiative in organizing co-operative credit societies of their own accord or with the help of the inspector of co-operative credit societies?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—"They can organize, but the societies can be registered only by the Assistant Registrar."